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TO: Washington State Board of Health Members
FROM: Craig McLaughlin, Policy Manager
RE: UPDATE ON 2004 STATE HEALTH REPORT

Background and Summary

The State Board of Health is responsible for producing a biennial State Health Report "that outlines the health priorities of the ensuing biennium." The report must be produced in January of even numbered years and the governor must approve, modify, or disapprove the report. If approved, the report is to be used by state agency administrators as a guide for preparing agency budgets and executive request legislation for the following biennium.

At the December 2003 Board meeting, I presented an outline of the 2004 report, which would provide guidance for the 2005-07 biennium. Attached for your consideration is a proposed final draft of the 2004 State Health Report that closely follows that outline. Copies of an earlier draft went to Board members, representatives from various contributing agencies and programs, the Governor's Policy Office, agency medical directors, and key members of the Governors Subcabinet on Health on December 26. Richard Onizuka, the liaison on this project for Health Care Authority Administrator and Subcabinet Chair Pete Cutler, suggested no changes to the report. He forwarded the draft to all members of the Subcabinet January 7. The draft in the Board packets incorporates all suggested changes received by Friday, January 9.

I am recommending that the Board adopt this draft at this time so it can be forwarded to the Governor in January. Because of the relatively late distribution of the draft report and the schedule disruptions cause by recent winter storms, I am also recommending that the Board explicitly authorize the chair to approve changes if they become necessary because of comments received after today's meeting but before formal transmission to the Governor.

Recommended Board Motion

The Board adopts the proposed text of the 2004 State Health Report and directs the Chair to transmit it to the Governor for review and possible approval. The Board authorizes the Chair to approve changes to the text if they become necessary after further review.

Attachments